Eastern Rosella Platycercus eximius

Species No.: 288 Band size: 24



Morphometrics:

Adult Male Adult Female 145 – 158 mm 152 – 163 mm Wing: Tail: 151 – 168 mm 145 - 165 mm Weight: 101 - 112 g89 - 122 g

Ageing:

Adult (2+) Juvenile

Bill: yellow-brown, orange or yellow, changes pearl-grey;

to adult

Cere: grey to grey black; vellow-brown when fledging soon changes to

brownish grey

primaries form a conspicuous underwing

Centre nape male – dark red; dark green;

& hindneck: female - often dark green with red

patches:

Mantle & black feathers with yellowish-green blackish feathers with green edges;

or pale green edges; scapulars:

male – no wing bar; broad pale yellow or off-white spots on Underwing:

> female - all have at least a partial yellowish-white wing bar formed

bar and sometimes spots on greater coverts by spots on inner remiges;

form a second narrow bar;

mostly grey-black with outer web Primaries: grey;

mostly dark violet-blue;

Juveniles moult to an adult female-like plumage within 6 months of fledging but retain juvenile primaries and wing coverts;

Adult plumage is attained early in their second year in a moult coinciding with adult post-breeding moult:

Sexing:

Adult males and females can be reliably sexed on plumage – see above; Incubation is by the female alone.